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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

Application No.	BHATOOLAUL ET AL.	
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Examiner Allan Hoosain	Art Unit 2645	

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 October 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 12 October 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

FINAL DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claims 1,3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The claims recite “but if the message is acceptable not sending a positive acknowledgement signal”. The cited passage, Page 5, lines 15-20 given as support appears not to support the recitation. Contrary, the disclosure appears to support sending acknowledgement signals when messages are successfully received (see Response to Argument Section below).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by **Chuah et al.** (US 6,587,672).

As to Claim 1, with respect to Figures 1 and 3-7, **Chuah** teaches a radio mobile telecommunications system comprising a base transceiver station (6) arranged to manage a plurality of mobile systems (2,4) within at least one telecommunications cell (Col. 6, lines 54-56);

the base station (6) having means to provide an acquisition indication channel by which preamble signals (Figure 8B, label 102) sent by a mobile system (2) to the base station (6) are acknowledged when the strength of a preamble signal (Figure 6A) reaches a predetermined level, a message thereafter being sent to the mobile system, wherein the base transceiver station is further arranged to send a negative acquisition signal (Figure 6B, Retx) when a message (104) sent by the mobile system (2) is unacceptable (Figure 7) but not a positive acquisition signal if the message sent by the mobile is acceptable (Figure 5, label 504,506,508).

As to Claim 2, **Chuah** teaches a system according to claim 1 in which a negative acquisition signal (Retx) is sent when the message (104) sent by the mobile system (2) fails a cyclic redundancy code check performed in the base transceiver station (Col. 8, lines 20-27).

As to Claim 3, with respect to Figures 1,3-7, **Chuah** teaches a method of operating a radio base transceiver station comprising:

receiving spaced preambles (Figure 8A) of increasing strength from a mobile station (2); sending a preamble acknowledgement signal (Figure 8C, Downlink) on an acquisition indication channel when a preamble (102) reaches an acceptable strength; and thereafter receiving a message signal (104) from the mobile system upon receipt of the message, if the message is corrupted sending a negative acknowledgement signal (Retx) on said acquisition indication channel from the base transceiver station (6) to the mobile system (2) indicating the message is corrupted but if the message is acceptable not sending a positive acknowledgement signal indicating successful receipt of the message (104 and Figure 7).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 9/29/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive because of the following:

The argument that successful received messages are not acknowledged is not supported on Page 5, lines 15-20 of the disclosure. Page 5, lines 26-27 and Page 6, lines 1-2 clearly teaches that successfully received messages are acknowledged.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Willenegger et al. (US 5,933,781) teach controlling signal power using pilot signals.

Black et al. (US 6,208,873) teach controlling mobile stations power signals using reverse link signals.

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

8. Any response to this final action should be mailed to:

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Allan Hoosain** whose telephone number is (703) 305-4012. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Fan Tsang**, can be reached on (703) 305-4895.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.


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